

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-19. (Cancelled).

20. (New) An information processing apparatus for granting access to content, comprising:

a storage unit for storing an attribute information list, the attribute information list identifying a type of information processing apparatus and identifying a function of the information processing apparatus; and

an interpretation module for determining whether the type and the function included in the attribute information list matches data contained in a property selection list distributed with the content, wherein

when the type and the function match the data, the information processing apparatus grants access to the content, and

when the type and the function do not match the data, the information processing apparatus denies access to the content.

21. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, wherein the property selection list includes a parameter, and the interpretation module determines whether to grant access to the content based on the parameter.

22. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, wherein
the attribute information list is set on a per library unit basis with a library unit as
a category corresponding to a usage of the content, and
the interpretation module determines whether to grant access to the content
based on the attribute information list using the per library unit basis.

23. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, wherein
the attribute information list further includes at least one of text data, code data,
and numerical data, and
the interpretation module determines whether to grant access to the content by
determining whether the text data, code data, or numerical data matches the data
contained in the property selection list.

24. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 20, further
comprising:
a processor for acquiring a content key when the information processing
apparatus grants access to the content, wherein the content key decrypts the content.

25. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein
the information processing apparatus receives a device node key, and
acquiring of the content key comprises decrypting an enabling block key based
on the device node key.

26. (New) A computer readable medium having a computer program for causing a computer to execute a method for storing license information used to grant access to content, the method comprising:

storing a property selection list, the property selection list identifying a first type of information processing apparatus and identifying a first function of the information processing apparatus;

determining whether the first type and the first function match a second type and a second function of an information processing apparatus that requests the content;

granting access to the content when the first type and the first function match the second type and the second function; and

denying access to the content when the first type and the first function do not match the second type and the second function.

27. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the property selection list further comprises a parameter.

28. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 26, further comprising dividing the property selection list into categories depending on the usage of the content.

29. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 26, further comprising describing the property selection list using extended markup language data.

30. (New) A method for granting access to content, comprising:

acquiring a property selection list, the property selection list identifying a first type of information processing apparatus and identifying a first function of the information processing apparatus;

acquiring an attribute information list, the attribute information list identifying a second type of information processing apparatus and identifying a second function of the information processing apparatus;

comparing the property selection list to the attribute information list to determine whether to grant access to the content;

granting access to the content when the first type and the first function match the second type and the second function; and

denying access to the content when the first type and the first function do not match the second type and the second function.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein

the property selection list includes a parameter, and

the comparison determines whether to grant access to the content based on the parameter.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein

the attribute information list is set on a per library unit basis with a library unit as a category corresponding to a usage of the content, and

the comparison determines whether to grant access to the content based on the attribute information list using the per library unit basis.

33. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein
the attribute information list further includes at least one of text data, code data, and numerical data, and
the comparison determines whether to grant access to the content by determining whether the text data, code data, or numerical data matches the data contained in the property selection list.

34. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
acquiring a content key when access is granted to the content, wherein the content key decrypts the content.

35. (New) The method of claim 34, further comprising:
receiving a device node key, and
acquiring the content key by decrypting an enabling block key based on the device node key.

36. (New) A computer readable medium having a computer program for causing a computer to execute a method for granting access to content, the method comprising:

acquiring a property selection list, the property selection list identifying a first type of information processing apparatus and identifying a first function of the information processing apparatus;

acquiring an attribute information list, the attribute information list identifying a second type of information processing apparatus and identifying a second function of the information processing apparatus;

comparing the property selection list to the attribute information list;

granting access to the content when the first type and the first function match the second type and the second function; and

denying access to the content when the first type and the first function do not match the second type and the second function.